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1. ON AUGUST 16, AMBASSADOR GAVE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER TSVETKOV AN AIDE-MEMOIRE SETTING FORTH US POSITION PER REFTEL. TSVETKOV (ACCOMPANIED BY DEPQY CHIEF OF MFA DEPARTMENT ON UN AFFAIRS) NOTED BULGARIAN POSITION, BUT PROMISED TO BRING THE US DEMARCHE TO THE ATTENTION OF HIS GOVERNMENT FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION.
2. THE FOREIGN MINISTER IS NOT IN SOFIA, AND FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO SEE AN APPROPRIATE SENIOR OFFICIAL WAS MEETING ARRANGED FOR AUGUST 16.
3. LOCAL PRESS ACCOUNTS OF STATEMENT BY TODOR ZHIVKOV ADDRESSED TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONFERENCE INCLUDES STRONG DENUNCIATION OF RACIST REGIMES IN SOUTHERN PART OF AFRICA, BUT MAKES NO REFERENCE TO ISRAEL; WE DO NOT HAVE FULL TEXT.

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4. FOLLOWING MEETING WITH TSVETKOV, THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MFA DEPARTMENT ON UN AFFAIRS, GRINBERG, MENTIONED TO THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE HAD BEEN IN NEW YORK IN 1975 AT THE TIME OF THE UNGA ACTION. HE SAID THAT BULGARIA HAD NOT THOUGHT TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF ISRAEL AND RACISM, BUT THAT "OTHERS" HAD DONE SO. GIVEN THE SITUATION, THEY COULD NOT REFUSE TO SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE. HE HINTED THAT

THE SAME WOULD AGAIN BE THE CASE.
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